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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 8, 2005, please consider the following remarks. Submitted with the Amendment and Response is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 by Julie Straub and Howard Bernstein. A declaration containing the same statements and data was previously filed in related application, U.S.S.N. 09/706,045, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,932,983 on August 23, 2005, to overcome a similar rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,565,885 to Tarara *et al.*

It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.

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